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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 14044 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 07 SEP 76.

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DEPT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS
FROM SCHAUFEL

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC PLAN FOR RHODESIA

1. I MET WITH DUFF, ASPIN AND LAVER TO DISCUSS REVISED
ECONOMIC PAPER. DUFF SAID HE WOULD CALL YOU TOMORROW
AFTER FCO HAD STUDIED PAPER MORE CLOSELY AND BEFORE HE
DEPARTS FOR PRETORIA THURSDAY. HE SAID HE WOULD TALK TO
FOURIE ON BASIS OF ORIGINAL PAPER WITH SOUTH AFRICANS.
RECOMMEND THAT YOU INSTRUCT BOWDLER TO TELL FOURIE THAT
BRITISH DO NOT KNOW SAG HAS REVISED PAPER.

2. ANNEX C REVISION WILL BE CABLED TO WASHINGTON TO-
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3. ON FIRST READING OF REVISED DRAFT, BRITISH CAME UP WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

- A. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR FARM LAND AS OPPOSED TO FARM IMPROVEMENTS;
- B. FIVE-YEAR CONCEPT IS NEW AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT PENSION RIGHTS, FOR ONE, WILL COVER MUCH LONGER PERIOD;
- C. IF THE PLAN IS TO BE OPERATIVE UNDER INTERIM GOVERNMENT, WE COULD OPEN DOOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WE DON'T WANT;
- D. BRITISH IN ANY CASE PREFER PLAN TO BE OPERATIVE AT ONSET OF PERMANENT GOVERNMENT.
- E. PLAN APPEARS TO PROVIDE FOR FULL COMPENSATION FOR LIQUID ASSETS. THOSE WHO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY SHOULD RECEIVE ONLY LIMITED COMPENSATION, GRADUALLY INCREASING THE LONGER THE INDIVIDUAL STAYS.

4. REGARDING THE FUND ITSELF, I SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD SELECT LIST OF POSSIBLE DONOR COUNTRIES WHICH WE COULD APPROACH JOINTLY FOR COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE. ONE INCENTIVE TO OTHERS COULD BE THE DEVELOPMENT SIDE OF THE FUND AS OPPOSED TO ANY COMPENSATION ASPECT. DUFF SAID THEY WOULD TRY TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF BALL-PARK FIGURE TO GIVE POTENTIALDONOR SOME IDEA OF MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM.

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